

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objects to claims 7, 21, 29 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In particular, claims 7 and 21 use the term "the resulting subset," which the Examiner believes lacks proper antecedent basis. By this amendment, claims 7 and 21 have been amended to refer "sets of codes" which is believed to have proper antecedent basis. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6, 7, 9-14, 20, 21, and 23-28.

Claims 1-5, 8, 15-19, 22 and 29-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by commonly-assigned Magnusson et al., U.S. Patent 6,163,524. This rejection is traversed.

Since the Magnusson reference and the instant application are commonly-assigned, the claims of the application have been amended to incorporate features indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Claim 1 incorporates features from claims 4, 5 and 6, where claim 6 has been indicated by the Examiner to include allowable subject matter. Allowable claim 9 has been rewritten in independent claim form. Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate features from claims 18, 19 and allowable claim 20. Allowable claim 23 has been rewritten in independent claim form. Claim 30 has been

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amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claims 4, 5 and 6 and should also be allowed. Claim 32 incorporates the allowable subject matter from claim 9. New claims 34-39 incorporate allowable features and should also be allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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